

Monthly News

*“Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation.”
 -Maria Montessori*

Curriculum:

Grace & Courtesy: How to ask someone to play or join you. We will spend time helping the children become more comfortable and confident about inviting another person to work or play.

Cultural: Halloween will bring bats, spiders, skeletons and pumpkins to life in the classroom.

Science: Trees are nice! Parts of a plant and leaf will bring new light to our contact with nature. Exploring properties of buoyancy (sink/float) will spark your child’s interest.

Geography: We will focus on North America, its people and mammals after acquainting the children with the Earth’s land, air, water and the seven continents. Your child may already be able to put them to song!

Dates to Remember:

- **12 Thursday** Ms. Stacey’s group will visit the manor.
- **17 Tuesday:** Pre-K meeting for parents, 7 p.m. All parents are invited (no children) to review the curriculum and learn about the benefits of the 3rd year
- **20 Friday:** No School
- **31 Tuesday:** All children sing Halloween songs for the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg. The kindergartners will attend prayer service and stay for lunch with the sisters. *See separate note for details on volunteers.*
- **Nov. 1 Wednesday:** No School, All Saints Day

Additional Messages:

- **Small Hands** catalogue orders are **due Oct. 16.**
- **Spirit wear mascot:** The children will soon be voting (Election Day lesson) on a mascot to print on their 2017 “spirit wear.” Please send in a *plain white t-shirt* (new or slightly used) for your child with *his/her name written on the inside label by Oct. 27.* **Once the shirts are painted the children should wear their creations on Fridays to share their school “spirit”**
- **Box Top:** Collection deadline is Oct. 14. BUT keep collecting...this is an on going fundraiser!
- **Backpack checks:** Your child will be cleaning out their drawers weekly. Please check his/her backpacks daily for classroom work, art creations and school notes. as the teachers don’t normally access email in the morning before class starts.
- **Weather change!** With the weather changing, and our children playing outside, please be sure your child has a jacket to wear (*that is labeled with his/her name*). Thank you!
- **After School Program:** Racing to Read visits our afterschool program Wednesday, October 04, 2017. For some added Halloween fun the children will visit the Manor from 3:10-4:10 Adjust your pick up time accordingly.
- **Intergenerational Connection:** A dream comes true! This year we are introducing our Montessori children to the residents living at the Manor. Once a month a group of children, led by their primary teacher, will have a turn to visit. During the visit they may sing, make crafts and feast together!
- **Peace Education:** Let your light shine! Ask the children about their love lights and what they can do when it is dim~~~<3

**May peace prevail on Earth,
 The Montessori Staff**